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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 – LOCKDOWN EXTENDED IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU TILL 24:00 HRS OF 30.4.2021 WITH EXISTING GUIDELINES AND RELAXATIONS – INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES - FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ORDERED UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2005

[G.O. Ms. No.346, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.IV), 18th April 2021,
சித்திரை 5, பிலவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2052.]

No. II(2)/REVDM/ 245(g)/2021.

WHEREAS on considering the recommendations of the expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended till 24:00 hrs of 30.4.2021 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.3.2021 with various relaxations and certain restrictions.

2.Subsequently, certain restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities already permitted taking into account the increasing trend of Covid-19 cases across the State vide G.O. Ms.No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 08.04.2021 and G.O. Ms.No.343, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated : 10.04.2021.

3. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration besides informing that in the Government Press Release, (No. 219, dated 18th April 2021), certain activities have been prohibited and restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities permitted already has also sent a proposal recommending for issue of Government Order for prohibiting certain activities and imposing certain restrictions on the permitted activities for the effective containment of Covid-19.

4. Now therefore the Government hereby accept the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration and to issue the following order for the effective containment of Covid-19 which would take **effect from early hours of 20.04.2021 until further orders** in addition to the various relaxations and restrictions ordered earlier:-

i. Night curfew:

a. **Night curfew will be enforced throughout the State from 10.00 P.M. to 4.00 A.M.** During the night curfew, private / public bus transport, auto, taxi and private vehicles will not be permitted.

- b. Intra State and Inter State Private / Public Bus Transport shall not be permitted from 10.00 P.M. to 4.00 A.M.
- c. The Private / Public Bus Transport Organizations shall ensure that the Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, thermal screening, avoiding over-crowding is strictly followed.
- d. However, auto, taxi and private vehicles will be allowed to ply for medical emergencies and to ferry passengers from/to Railway Stations and Airports. Further, essential services such as supply of milk, distribution of newspapers, hospitals, medical labs, pharmaceutical shops, ambulance and hearse vehicle Services and allied medical related activities, goods vehicles, Fuel Vehicles (Petrol, Diesel and LPG) will be permitted during the night curfew.
- e. Both Electronic and Print Media shall continue to operate during the night curfew.
- f. Petrol and Diesel Bunks shall be permitted to function during the night curfew.
- g. Continuous Process Industries and Industries manufacturing essential commodities are permitted to function during the night curfew with safety measures in place. Staff / Workers of the above industries and personnel of private security agencies working in night shift shall be permitted to travel by carrying their ID Cards/ permission letters issued by the respective organizations. Further, staff/workers of all other industries who have completed their shift in the late evening or night will be permitted to travel back to their homes by carrying their ID cards/permission letters issued by the respective industries.

ii. Complete Lockdown on Sundays:-

- a. **Complete lockdown shall be enforced throughout the State on all Sundays without any relaxations.** Chicken and other meat stalls, Fish Market, Vegetable Shops, Cinema Theatres and Shopping Malls and all other shops shall be closed. In case of any violation, action will be taken against the violators as per law in force.
- b. Further, essential services such as supply of milk, distribution of newspapers, hospitals, medical labs, pharmaceutical shops, ambulance and hearse vehicle Services and allied medical related activities, goods vehicles, vehicles carrying agricultural produce of farmers, Fuel Vehicles (Petrol, Diesel and LPG), will be permitted during the complete lockdown.
- c. **During complete lockdown, Parcel food only shall be permitted in the restaurants from 6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M., 12.00 Noon to 3.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M.** E-commerce food delivery entities like Swiggy, Zomato shall be permitted to operate only during this time schedule. Other E-commerce activities shall not be permitted during the complete lock down enforced on Sundays.
- d. Both Electronic and Print Media shall continue to operate.
- e. Continuous Process Industries and Industries manufacturing essential commodities are permitted to function during this complete lockdown.
- f. On all days including complete lockdown days, marriages and marriage related gathering shall be permitted with guests not exceeding 100 and in respect of funeral / last rites, the number of persons shall not exceed 50 with the restrictions imposed already.

iii. General:

- a. **Both local and outstation tourists shall not be permitted in all the Tourist places** like Nilgiris District, Kodaikanal and Yercaud.
- b. **All Beaches** across the State **shall be closed for public on all days.**
- c. **Parks/Gardens, Zoological Parks, Museums, Archaeological Monuments and Excavation sites** across the State **shall be closed** for public on all days.
- d. **IT/ITEs organizations** shall initiate necessary action to ensure that minimum **50% of their employees work from home.**
- e. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Tea Shops, Restaurants, Vegetable Shops, all shops including Provision Stores, Shopping Malls, big showrooms and big format stores shall be permitted to function till 9.00 P.M. with maximum of 50% customer capacity at a time.**
- f. Considering the increase in the spread of Covid-19, Religious congregations and 'Tiruvizhakkal' have already been prohibited from 10.4.2021. However, "**Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha**" shall be permitted by following the Standard Operating Procedures with not more than 50 persons including the employees/ management of the temple and the general public, in case if the permission has already been obtained from the District Collector/Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board in this regard or the date for the conduct of "**Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha**" has been finalized earlier and prior arrangements have already been made for the conduct of the above ritual. Considering the increasing trend of Covid-19, the concerned temple management committees are requested to temporarily postpone the "**Kudamuzhukku / Tiruvizha**" if any, proposed and as such permission shall not be granted in the prevailing pandemic situation.

g. **Public Exams for 12th Standard Students conducted by Tamil Nadu School Education Department shall be postponed.** However, the **practical exams** for the 12th Standard Students which are being conducted now, **shall continue as already scheduled.**

h. Professors of Colleges / Universities shall be permitted to conduct **online classes** from home.

i. Exams in respect of Government and Private Colleges / Universities shall be conducted through **online only.**

j. All Educational training institutions, Government/Private Coaching/training centres shall conduct **online training classes only.**

k. **Summer Camps shall not be permitted.**

l. Hotels which are willing to function as Covid Care Centres shall in co-ordination with the Private Hospitals having adequate infrastructure and health facilities be permitted to function as Covid Care Centres. The officials of the Health Department shall inspect and accord necessary permission in this regard. Guests shall not be permitted in the Hotels functioning as Covid Care Centres.

m. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Marriages have been permitted with guests not exceeding 100.** However, the management of the Marriage Halls shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed in the Marriage Halls, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated against the proprietor of the Marriage Hall.

n. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Cinemas / Multiplex/ Theatres have been permitted to function with 50% seating capacity.** However, the management of the Cinemas / Multiplex / Theatres shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated against proprietor of the Cinema Hall.

o. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Restaurants and Tea Shops have been permitted to function with 50% seating capacity.** However, the proprietor of the restaurants/ Tea Shops shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed.

5. Special Monitoring Teams would be formed in all the districts to monitor the strict enforcement of the restrictions imposed for the effective containment of Covid-19. Stern action shall be initiated against the persons violating the Standard Operating Procedures issued to control spread of Covid-19.

6. The Government also orders that no activities shall be permitted in the Containment Zones and that the restrictions in the Containment Zones would be further intensified.

7. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/District Collectors shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors may initiate appropriate action for imposing fines on persons not wearing face masks in public and work spaces. Further, the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their short observance.

8. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

9. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors are instructed to ensure the strict enforcement of the guidelines, adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities and the National Directives for Covid-19 Management.

RAJEEV RANJAN,
Chief Secretary.